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(TEXT) HAVANA, 11 AUGUST--THREE AGENTS OF THE U.S. CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY WERE SENTENCED TO DEATH BY THE HAVANA REVOLUTIONARY TRIBUNAL FOR ATTEMPTED ACTS OF SABOTAGE AGAINST SHIPS OF THE CUBAN MERCHANT MARINE.

THE THREE MEN--ROBERTO FERNANDEZ COBO, PAUL FERREIRA CASTAÑEDA AND RODOLFO SARINO DEOPERA MINDOJOSA--BELONGED TO AN ESPIONAGE AND SABOTAGE NETWORK ORGANIZED BY THE CIA. THEY WERE RECRUITED IN EUROPEAN PORTS BY A CIA OFFICER CALLED "PETER."

THE TRAITORS WERE TAUGHT ESPIONAGE AND SABOTAGE WORK AND SUPPLIED WITH THE NECESSARY EQUIPMENT: A SPECIAL DEVICE FOR ARSON AND EXPLOSIONS IN SHIPS AND PORT WAREHOUSES, A RADIO STATION, CIPHERS, AND MONEY, ALL OF WHICH WERE SEIZED DURING THE ARREST.

HINOJOBA SAID HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO PLACE INDENDIARY BOMBS ON THE SHIP MANUEL ASCUNHA, SET FIRE TO AWAREHOUSE, AND SABOTAGE A DRY DOCK UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN THE PORT OF HAVANA. THE TWO OTHER MEN OPERATED ON A GONZALES LAKER SHIP.

THE SENTENCE HAS BEEN CARRIED OUT.

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